(b) whether the project has been delayed;

(c) if so, the time and cost overrun and who is accountable for the delay;

(d) if not, the details of time schedule for finalisation of the tender and commissioning of the capacity addition;

(e) whether Government suspect any of the private telecom players in delaying it;

(f) if so, the corrective measures contemplated; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) BSNL floated a tender on 22.3.06 for procurement of 2G/3G GSM equipment and services for 45.5 million lines capacity as part of its project for expansion of mobile network by 63.5 million lines. Remaining 18 million lines are planned to be ordered on M/s ITI (as PSU reservation quota) at the finalized rates of the tender.

(b) Techno commercial bids of the participants against the tender were opened on 12th June, 2006 and the financial bids of the bidders found techno commercially eligible, were opened on 9th October, 2006. One of the disqualified bidders (on techno-commercial grounds) has approached the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi against the decision of BSNL and the case is presently subjudice.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) The equipment supply against the tender is subject to outcome of the court decision. Additional capacity is expected to be available progressively in 9-12 months if the Court's decision will be in favour of BSNL.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) and (g) Do not arise in view of (e) above.

Cyber crimes

293. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether court cases arising from cyber crimes are on the increase in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof with the number of such cases filed and disposed of during the last three years;

(c) whether one of the causes for delay in disposal of cyber related cases is the lack of awareness among the judiciary about the cyber crimes and laws;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to train the judicial officers in cyber crimes and laws; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) With the increase of users on Internet, wrong doings in cyber space are also increasing. The information on court cases including cyber crimes is categorized as civil and criminal. The criminal law is administered by courts in States; the exact figures on cyber crime cases filed and disposed of during the last three years are not available.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) The Government conducts regular awareness and training programmes on cyber laws and cyber crimes for Judicial Officers.

National Judicial Academy at Bhopal also conducts programmes to train Judges in cyber laws and cyber crimes. 43 Judges participated in each of the workshop conducted by the Academy in 2004 and 2006.

Misuse of internet services by cyber cafes

294. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many cyber cafes are misusing internet services by putting obscene pictures and details on websites;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of complaints received so far and the action taken in this regard;